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All Lake O' the Pines swim beach areas closed

FORT WORTH, Texas – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials have closed all swim beach areas on Lake O' the Pines due to high bacteria levels in the water.

Water quality testing by two separate labs for E. coli bacteria levels at designated swim beach areas showed high levels of the bacteria during the week of June 14, which led to the beach closures.

"The visitors to our swim beach areas can be comforted knowing the water quality is actively monitored and actions are taken to assure public safety when necessary," said Col. Richard J. Muraski, Jr., commander of the Corps' Fort Worth District. We will reopen the swim beach areas only after further monitoring indicates it is safe to do so."

As a public safety measure the U.S Army Corps of Engineers conducts weekly water quality monitoring of all the Corps operated swim beach areas.

As a rule the U.S Army Corps of Engineers has set public safety as its foremost priority and will take action to assure visitors enjoy a safe recreational experience.

Questions regarding Lake O' the Pines swim beach areas and water quality monitoring should be directed to the Lake O' the Pines Project Office at 903-665-2336.

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.